

(c) whether Government are considering any scheme to provide special training to army officers to effectively deal with said problem, especially the cases related to pension anomalies of ex-servicemen;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) There are about 8000 cases relating to various service and disciplinary matters pending before various High Courts and the Supreme Court. These cases are pending for various reasons. The defence forces take all appropriate steps so that the disposal of cases is expedited. Elaborate instructions have also been issued by the services in this regard. The officers in the Judge Advocate General branch in the defence forces have appropriate skills and training to attend to such matters. This is an ongoing process. Monitoring of court cases is also done regularly.

Spread of AIDS in Indian Army by ISI

2306. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per an intelligence report, ISI is planning to spread AIDS virus among the Indian Army and Paramilitary forces;

(b) if so, the details of the report; and

(c) how the Ministry is preparing itself to face this challenge, especially personnel guarding Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No such report has been received by the Government.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Demilitarisation of Siachen

2307. SHRI JANARADHANA POOJARY:
SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: